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Mr. Kerr,

I actually communicated with you several months ago on this project. I am a Keystone Crossing resident and wanted to make sure my letter made it to you. I sent it to Eileen Fuchs but received an out of office assistant. It may get forwarded to you but just to be sure my letter is below. Thank you kindly for your consideration in this matter as I am sure if you have a family you are well aware of our concerns. If it would help as a consultant to see anything live I know we would love to have you out around 5-5:30 one evening as people already drive through here quite fast even with a 25 MPH limit. I am not sure what the current estimates of cars show but I am quite certain it is below 200 per day. That would increase traffic nearly 8 times. Please let me know if that would help at all in our cause because we will buy and supply dinner on one side of the street and if we can get any of the decision makers to come out and try to cross the street for dinner when people are driving 45 MPH I believe that would open eyes greatly. Thank you again and please let me know if there are any questions.

Ms. Eileen Fuchs,

I am writing you with great concern in reference to the planned extension of Church Street through the Keystone Crossing neighborhood. Based on the current predictions that 1,500 vehicles will average each day is greatly disturbing for the safety of the families within the neighborhood. Of even greater dismay is the fact that the plan is for 45 mph. A couple things I would like to point out is that Davis Drive, which is a 4 lane, divided highway currently has a speed limit of 45 mph. With the NCDOT currently considering a 45 mph speed limit I would like to invite all the parties involved to take their families on to Durham drive and have their young children and pets walk and play within 5-10 feet of the road as many families do here. While the volume is not quite equal the breakdown of 1,500 cars which will primarily be between 8 am and 6 pm, you are considering 150 cars every hour driving through a populated single family neighborhood. While it is impossible for all of us to know the specifics or the money that is involved I do hope to stress that the government and DOT allot or plan a large amount of funds for the potential injuries and deaths that are bound to occur due to the danger this sets forth.

I am well aware that there may have been plans prior to Keystone Crossing completely taking hold as a community along this route. However, I do hope strong consideration is taken to the fact that all things change. Unfortunately for this plan a community has grown here which calls for much greater thought and planning. Even if Church St. was made into a dead end and it required people in vehicles to divert an extra 2-3 minutes to get from Davis Dr or Hopson, over to Chapel Hill/Miami Blvd, I feel that would be a change made in the best interest of all parties. It is not a true inconvenience to plan 2-3 extra minutes for travel or commute. A true inconvenience and tragedy is having a decision like this cause injuries or deaths that significantly alter lives. It would also be necessary to research and review any previous cases where disregard for safety led to injuries or deaths. I bring this up because I feel there should be quite a large budget set aside for the settlements that will undoubtedly take place should this extension continue as planned.

In closing I would like to reiterate the importance of change. I understand you may have a great deal invested and this was planned. As you and all other understand as things change, so must we all in order to make the right choices. As an employee in the medical industry I have to face situations when the products I service or support do not work to best serve patients. It would be foolish and negligent of me to let such things continue on without making the safest choice. All of you are faced with a similar situation where you have to reevaluate the situation you are in and make sure the Safest and Best decisions are made. As expensive as you think it would be to change course I find it hard to believe that it would not be a far greater cost to sacrifice lives. I truly hope strong consideration will be given to my concerns as well